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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORTING KISSINGER AFRICA TRIP

PRESS COVERAGE OF IMPENDING KISSINGER VISIT TO PRETORIA STEPPING UP.
REPORTS FROM DAR HAVE PESSIMISTIC TONE, BUT RSA PRESS ATTITUDE IS
HOPEFUL EXPECTANCY.

DURBAN ENGLISH PAPER "NATAL MERCURY" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 16 "NYERERE
PESSIMISTIC OF SUCCESS FOR DR K". REPORT FROM DAR SAID NYERERE HAD
QUOTE HEARD NOTHING ENCOURAGING ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND SWA AND WAS EVEN LESS HOPEFUL THAN
BEFORE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SPEEDING SWA INDEPENDENCE. UNQUOTE.

PIETERMARITZBURG ENGLISH PAPER " NATAL WITNESS" FRONT PAGE HEADLINE
SEPT 16 " HOPES PLUNGE AS DR K HEADS OUT OF TANZANIA". REPORT FROM
DAR NOTED EXPRESSIONS OF PESSIMISM ABOUT PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS OF
KISSINGER MISSION.

PRETORIA FRIKAANS NEWSPAPER " HOOFTAD" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 15
QUOTE PREMIER VORSTER HAS ASSURED MR SMITH OF OUR POLICY OF
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NON-INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES. BUT

NON- INTERVENTION DOES NOT MEAN RSA CAN STAND TOTALLY ALOOF FROM DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN RHODESIA, WHICH STANDS ON THE BRINK OF FULL SCALE WAR INTO WHICH RSA COULD BE DRAWN. WE HOPE THE ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SPELLED OUT TO MR SMITH. RSA IS NOW INVOLVED IN THE MOST SERIOUS DEPLOMATIC EFFORT YET TO SEEK NON-VIOLENT SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THE FREE WORLD IS PREPARED TO TEST OUR CREDIBILITY, AS IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE UP-COMING VISIT OF DR KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

JOHANNESBURG NEW CONSERVATIVE ENGLISH PAPER "THE CITIZEN" EDITORIALIZED SEPT 16 QUOTE SOME COMMENTATORS WITH ACCESS TO KISSINGER INFORMATION HAVE REPORTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS " TURNING THE SCREW" AND THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE IN WASHINGTON OF DELIBERATE CONGESTION OF RHODESIA'S VITAL RAIL LINK TO THE SOUTH. MR VORSTER HAS REPEATEDLY STATED HE CANNOT PRESCRIBE TO SALISBURY, OR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT STATE FOR THAT MATTER. BUT ENOUGH HAS BEEN LEAKED TO SUGGEST THAT SOME INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT RHODESIA IS EXPENDABLE IN SOME FORM AND IN SOME YET UNDEFINED WAY. THERE IS AN EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH RHODESIA DOWN TO A GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL. IT MIGHT BE SUMMED UP THUS:

- WE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE PARTY TO BRINGING DOWN OUR FRIENDS.
- IF RHODESIA "GOES", THE FRONTLINE ADVANCES FROM THE ZAMBEZI TO THE LIMPOPO.
- AFTER THEM, IT IS US. WE ARE THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE BLACK DEMOGOGUES AND THEIR COMMUNIST BACKERS. MR VORSTER AND HIS CABINET ARE ACTUELLY AWARE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN A CHANGE OF POWER OF THE NORTH. AN ANGOLA-TYPE SITUATION TO THE NORTH WHICH WE HELPED ENGINEER COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A DRAMATIC AND UGLY IMPACT ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNAL POLITICS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW REQUIRES SOME DRASTIC CHANGES, EVEN SACRIFICES, NOT ONLY BY RHODESIANS AND SOUTH WESTERS, BUT ALSO BY SOUTH AFRICANS. PROVIDED THE USA AND OTHERS ARE PREPARED TO GIVE US ALL FIRM, WRITTEN AND PUBLIC GUARANTEES AS PART OF THE PACKAGE DEAL, WE SHOULD ALL BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SOME FAR-REACHING ADAPTATIONS. THERE IS NO QUESTIONS OF A SELL-OUT, NO QUESTION OF ANOTHER MUNICH. TO SUGGEST THAT SUCH THINGS ARE POSSIBLE IS COMPLETELY TO MISREAD OUR PRIME MINISTER. UNQUOTE.

JOHANNESBURG'S " THE WORLD" AIMED AT URBAN AFRICANS LET FRONT PAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH " BLACKS TO MEET KISSINGER". ARTICLE SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR WHICH BLACK LEADERS SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD MEET BUT SAID PROFESSOR HUDSON NTSANWISI, CHIEF MINISTER OF THE GAZANKULU HOME LAND HAD CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF INVITATION.

DURBAN'S " POST" CARRIED TWO FRONT PAGE ARTICLES, ONE ARTICLE WAS SELF-CONGRATULATORY PIECE EMPHASIZING THE " POST" ROLE IN SETTING UP A MEETING BETWEEN DR KISSINGER AND BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN

LEADERS . NEWSPAPER CLAIMS IT STARTED THE WHOLE IDEA FOUR MONTHS
AGO BY FIRST SUGGESTING IT AND THEN CONTACTING SONNY LEON AND
GATSHA BUTHELIZI. AND TOOK ITS SHARE OF THE CREDIT.

MAIN ARTICLE APPEARED UNDER HEADLINE," VITAL QUESTION FOR
KISSINGER". REPORTER FAROOK KHAN QUOTED BLACK LEADERS AND
THEIR PLANS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS ". SONNY LEON SAID HE WILL PUT
IT BLUNTLY TO MR KISSINGER THAT A DEAL HAS BEEN STRUCK THAT
AMERICA WILL TAKE THE HEAT OFF WHITE SOUTH AFRICA IN EXCHANGE
FOR HELP IN ITS SOUTH WEST AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN PEACE MOVES."
ARTICLE ALSO SAID LEON WILL " QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE TRYING TO WORK OUT AN ANTI-RACIAL
SETTLEMENT IN SWA AND RHODESIA WITH VORSTER WHO IS HEAD OF
A RACIST WHITE GOVERNMENT AND WHOSE ENTIRE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
IS BASED ON SKIN COLOUR." LEON IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID VORSTER
" MUST GO". LEON ALSO " WILL SPEAK UP AGAINST AMERICAN COMPANIES
WHO PRACTICE APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND PAY DISCRIMINATORY
WAGES TO BLACKS IN THEIR EMPLOY... I HAVE NO PROOF, BUT I WANT
TO KNOW IF THE AMERICANS HAVE PROMISED MR VORSTER MILITARY AND
ARMS AID TO KEEP SOUTH AFRICA WHITE AND WITH AN EYE ON THE CAPE
SEA ROUTE... HE (LEON) SAID HE WAS GOING TO GIVE DR KISSIN-
GER THE FULL STORY ON THE RIOTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY."
FARHOOK CONTINUED BY SAYING INDIAN LEADER M.J. NAIDOO IS EXPECTED
TO BACK MR. LEON " ALL THE WAY" AND J.N. REDDY INDICATED, " WE
WILL ASK DR KISSINGER TO GET THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OT
CONSIDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VARIOUS BLACK GROUPS IN
THIS COUNTRY TO ACCELERATE THEIR PACE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
ECONOMY OF THIS COUNTRY SO THAT THEY MAY GET A MEANINGFUL
SHARE OF THE ECONOMY."
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